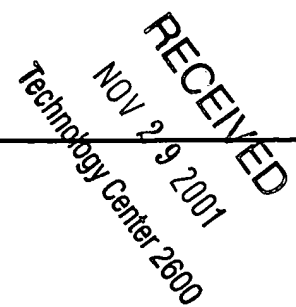
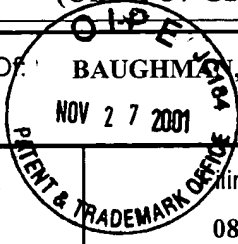


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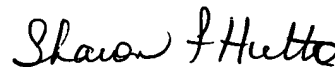
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The following references are believed to be relevant to the subject application:

1. US 6,266,047 issued to Benja-Athon on July 24, 2001, for a mouse controlled by a thumb and little finger. This device is a typical computer mouse with different locations for the mouse buttons.
2. US 6,262,715 issued to Sawyer on July 17, 2001, for an ergonomic computer mouse on which the edge of the user's palm rests on the base of the mouse while gripping the body of the mouse.
3. US 6,154,199 issued to Butler on November 28, 2000, for a hand positioning mouse. This device is essentially a half glove with a trackball on the side of the index finger opposing the thumb.
4. US 6,141,643 issued to Harmon on October 31, 2000, for a data input glove having conductive finger pads and thumb pad.
5. US 6,097,369 issued to Wambach on August 1, 2000, for a computer mouse glove.
6. US 6,072,471 issued to Lo on June 6, 2000, for an ambidextrous upright computer mouse. This mouse operates on a surface when the user's hand is held in the thumb upright orientation.
7. US 5,945,978 issued to Holmes on August 31, 1999, for a haptic computer output device, which is a glove with switches and sensors incorporated into the fingers and thumb.
8. US 5,832,296 issued to Wang et al on November 3, 1998, for a wearable context sensitive user interface for interacting with a plurality of electrical devices. The device is worn as a ring on the finger of the user.
9. US 5,796,354 issued to Cartabiano et al on August 18, 1998, for a band-attachable controller with direction sensing with wrist straps for securement to the user's hand. The device is glove-like and operated with the user's hand resting, palm down, on a base.
10. US 5,764,164 issued to Cartabiano et al on June 9, 1998 for an ergonomic hand-attachable controller, also with a wrist strap. This device has straps to hold a base to the hand. The base has buttons that, when pressed perform certain functions.

11. US 5,754,126 issued to Hillbrink et al on May 19, 1998, teaches a palm supported mouse with thumb activated switch. This device supports a mouse in the palm of the hand but not on the edge of the palm.

12. US 5,706,026 issued to Kent et al on January 6, 1998, for a finger operated digital input device worn on the fingertip of the user, secured to the hand with wrist straps.

13. US 5,648,798 issued to Hamling on July 15, 1997, for a universal ergonomic computer mouse/trackball. The user rests the edge of his palm on the base on the device and then, with the palm in the thumb up position, operated the mouse buttons.

14. US 5,638,092 issued to Eng et al on June 10, 1997, for a cursor control system worn on the finger of the user like a ring.

15. US 5,581,484 issued to Prince on December 3, 1996, for a finger-mounted computer input device, which is essentially a glove. The fingertips contain position sensors.

16. US 5,576,733 issued to Lo on November 19, 1996, for an ergonomic computer mouse. This device also rests on a surface and is held by the user in a generally thumbs up orientation. The buttons on the mouse are on its sides.

17. US 5,489,922 issued to Zloof on February 6, 1996, for a hand worn remote computer mouse. The contacts are worn on the fingers of the user like rings and are secured to the hand with wrist straps.

18. US 5,481,265 issued to Russell on January 2, 1996, for an ergonomic customizable user/computer interface device worn on the fingers of the user. This device is a small pedestal that contains mouse buttons. It can be raised or lowered and used by either hand with the hand placed with the index finger knuckle against it, palm down.

19. US 5,444,462 issued to Wambach on August 22, 1995, for a computer mouse glove with remote communication and buttons in the sides of the fingers.

20. US 5,355,147 issued to Lear on October 11, 1994, for an ergonomic computer mouse. This device is shaped in a loop held like a coffee mug so that the thumb is up.

21. US 4,954,817 issued to Levine on September 4, 1990, for a thumb and index finger worn graphic interface device. The index finger of the user can support a palette and the thumb, a stylus for contacting the palette.

22. US 4,905,001 issued to Penner on February 27, 1990, for a hand-held finger movement actuated communication device that is an alternative to a keyboard. The device includes a wrist strap and at least one finger strap for securing a switch to the index finger. This switch may be activated by contact with the user's thumb. There is no trackball included.

No attempt has been made to identify every relevant feature in the documents listed. The attached documents may contain relevant information other than that which caused them to be selected and may be of interest with respect to one or more features of the applicant's invention(s). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to review the documents identified and to form his or her own conclusions regarding the relevance thereof.

It is believed that the attached documents do not disclose or make obvious applicant's invention(s). Accordingly, examination of the claims on the merits and allowance of the application are earnestly requested.

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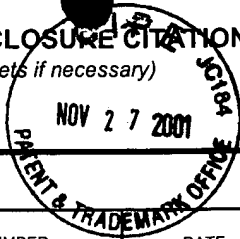
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